Marketing of Rich in Packets by NAFED

5001. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether NAFED are marketing rice in packets without date of packing and maximum selling price on it; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir. NAFED is marketing rice in 5 Kgs. packet to the consumers. To save the consumers of the inconvenience during the lunch hours, packets are prepared in advance.

(b) NAFED has been advised to indicate the date of packing and maximum selling price on the packets.

[*Translation*]

Survey of Flood and Drought Affected Areas in U.P.

5002. SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a survey of drought and flood affected areas of Uttar Pradesh has been conducted through satellite during the last three years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b). An Agricultural Drought Assessment and Monitoring System has been evolved as one of the major remote sensing applications projects. The drought assessment is based on the analysis of satellite data on the extent of green vegetation cover as well as the vigour of this cover and presently being conducted for 240 districts in 10 States. Comparison of vegetation status and development trend in any biweekly period when compared with the trends of previous years helps in the assessment of drought conditions. The results of this assessment are published in biweekly drought bulletins for facilitating contingency action. Under this project, monitoring of drought in Uttar Pradesh was undertaken during 1989 and 1990 which also continues during 1991.

Survey of areas affected by floods in Ganga and its tributaries in parts of Uttar Pradesh was conducted in 1988 and 1990 seasons.

[*English*]

DMS and Mother Dairy Booths

5003. SHRI RAM BADAN:
SHRI SHIV SHARAN VERMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the existing number of booths of DMS and Mother Dairy in Delhi;

(b) whether the Government propose to open more booths in Delhi during 1991; and

(c) if so, the places where these booths are proposed to be opened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) The existing No. of booths of DMS and Mother Dairy are as follows:-

(i)	D.M.S.	
	Morning	829
	Evening	522
		1351